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Public Works

List of officers who pay rent to the Government for buildings occupied by them.

* 371 *Q.*—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to furnish a list of officers with pay of Rs. 1,000 and above who pay rent to the Government for the Government buildings occupied by them or on whose behalf the Government pay rent with the amount of rent paid in each case?

A.—A list [a] is attached.

Expenditure incurred on account of the pumping scheme of the Cooum River.

* 372 *Q.*—Rao Sahib C. JAYARAM NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred by the Government in each of the two years 1927–28 and 1930–31 on the pumping scheme of the Cooum River within the Madras City;

(*b*) in what stage the Cooum improvement scheme is at present; and

(*c*) the actual number of days when the pumping of sea water was resorted to in each of the last three years during each of the hot months of the year, to maintain proper depth and level for sanitary purposes?

A.—(*a*)

	Original works.	Maintenance.
	RS.	RS.
1927–28	26,186	5,258
1930–31	2,340	6,983

(*b*) All works except construction of the lock at the Elephant Gate bridge have been completed.

(*c*) 44 days in 1928 and 107 days in 1929 as shown below:—

Month.	Number of days.
1928—	
July	12
August	29
September	3
Total ...	44
1929—	
March	8
April	23
May	31
June	30
July	15
Total ...	107

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 328–331 infra.

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No pumping was done in the hot season of 1930 as the pipes leading from the harbour limits on the foreshore were removed by the South Indian Railway in connexion with the remodelling of the Beach station and the diversion of the Springhaven Road.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, with reference to the answer to clause (b), when the lock at the Elephant Gate Bridge will be completed?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Has the work been taken on hand?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"It is under construction."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government propose to start pumping water into the Cooum at least in the year 1932?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"As soon as the South Indian Railway authorities finish their work, pumping will be restarted."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government consider that the system of pumping water into the Cooum from the sea is satisfactory?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I believe it has been satisfactory; if it is not so, we will stop it."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what is the information which has made the Government 'satisfied' with the progress of the work—the basis on which they have come to the decision that the system has been satisfactory?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"They have found the work satisfactory; that is all." (Laughter.)

Staff employed in the Chief Engineers' offices.

* 373 *Q.*—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement of the staff employed in the offices of the Chief Engineers of the Public Works Department and state how many of them are from Andhra Desa and from other linguistic areas?

A.—A statement[a] is attached.

Veterinary Department

Admission to the Veterinary College for 1931–32.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates who applied for admission to the Veterinary College this year;

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